

Healthcare Provider Preparedness Checklist for MERS-CoV

Front-line healthcare providers in the United States should be prepared to evaluate patients for new and emerging infectious diseases such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV). The following checklist highlights key steps for healthcare providers to take in preparation for transport and arrival of patients potentially infected with MERS-CoV.

- Stay up to date on the latest information about signs and symptoms, diagnostic testing, and case definitions for MERS-CoV disease (<http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/mers/case-def.html>)
- Review your infection control policies and CDC infection control recommendations for MERS-CoV <http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/mers/infection-prevention-control.html> for:
 - Assessment and triage of acute respiratory infection patients
 - Patient placement
 - Visitor management and exclusion
 - Personal protective equipment (PPE) for healthcare personnel
 - Source control measures for patients (e.g., put facemask on suspect patients)
 - Requirements for performing aerosol generating procedures
- Be alert for patients who meet the MERS-CoV case definition (<http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/mers/case-def.html>)
- Promptly implement source control for potential MERS-CoV patients before transport or upon entry to the facility and triage according to facility plans (e.g., place in private room) for evaluation
- Know how to report a potential MERS-CoV case or exposure to facility infection control leads and public health officials
- Know who, when, and how to notify and when to seek evaluation by occupational health following an unprotected exposure (i.e., not wearing recommended PPE) to a suspected or confirmed MERS-CoV patient
- Know how to contact and receive information from your state or local public health agency
- Remain at home if you are ill

For more information, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/mers/preparedness/checklist-provider-preparedness.html>.